

On **Tuesday, May 23, 2006** North Carolina will once again honor its law enforcement community in a Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony. The purpose of this ceremony is to honor those law enforcement officers who have given their lives while serving the citizens of this State. This year's ceremony is sponsored by the N.C. Department of Justice and will be hosted by the Duke University Police Department. The ceremony will be held at **Duke University Chapel, Chapel Drive, Durham, N.C.** and will begin at 11:00 A.M.

An early morning coffee hour for families of Honor Roll officers, their escorts and program participants will be held beginning at 9:00 A.M. Immediately following the ceremony, a luncheon will be held at the Great Hall, located beside the chapel, for the Honor Roll officers' immediate families, law enforcement escorts and law enforcement agency heads. There will be an \$8.00 charge per plate for everyone except **immediate family members** of the slain officers. Luncheon reservations for family members must be provided to the SBI no later than May 16, 2006 (see contact information below).

Our guest speaker for this ceremony will be General Hugh Shelton. General Shelton was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under both President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush. General Shelton commanded all U.S. Armed Forces worldwide and was a chief architect of the ongoing war on terrorism. General Shelton also knows what it is like to overcome obstacles out of uniform. In 2002, he fell from a ladder and received a crippling spinal injury. He was told by doctors that he would never walk again, but was back on his feet within months. General Shelton worked throughout his military career to increase pay for military service members, improve the quality of life for service members and their families and obtain improvements in healthcare for retirees. He has received many military awards, including the Medal for Valor and the Purple Heart. He continues to be a leader in his current endeavors.

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